

EDGEWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 16, 2022

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MEETING was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Joseph T. Hoeppe presiding and the following members of Council and officials of the Borough present: Mr. Joseph T. Hoeppe, Mr. David T. Aloe, Mr. Gregory J. Marlovits, Mr. Daniel S. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Genter, Mayor Gary L. Smith, Borough Manager John F. Schwend, and Mr. Brendan Lucas, Esq., representing the Borough Solicitor.

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting held on July 19, 2022 were presented to Council. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Aloe with a second by Mr. Wilson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2022. All present voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

INVESTMENT REPORT as of August 16, 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BILLS PAYABLE for the month of July 2022 were presented to Council as follows: General Expenditures, in the amount of \$167,926.65 and Scheduled Expenditures, in the amount of \$14,813.91 were presented to Council as per the following list.

Scheduled Expenditures Account

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| 34 | Bearcom                  | Void Check 2 Radio   | \$780.00   |
| 35 | Robert Crusan            | Arborist Fees        | \$6,020.00 |
| 36 | Davey Tree Expert Co.    | Tree Removal/Pruning | \$1,250.00 |
| 37 | Garvin Boward Beitko     | Engineering Fees     | \$1,504.00 |
| 38 | Lennon Smith Souleret    | Engineering Fees     | \$3,191.69 |
| 39 | John Schwend             | Reimb. PD Computer   | \$718.22   |
| 40 | Tall Timber Tree Experts | Tree Removal         | \$1,350.00 |

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second by Mr. Marlovits that a voucher be drawn on the General Account in the amount of \$167,926.65, and a voucher be drawn on the Scheduled Expenditures Account in the amount of \$14,813.91. The motion was unanimously carried by all members in attendance.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. After some review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

DISTRICT JUSTICE REPORT for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. District Justice Robert L. Ford, for District Court No. 05-03-02, reported remitting fines in the amount of \$450.84 to the Borough for the month. After review and discussion this report was ordered received and filed.

POLICE REPORT for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

FIRE REPORT for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. After review and discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

BUILDING PERMIT AND ZONING PERMIT REPORTS for the month of July 2022 were presented to Council. After review and discussion, the reports were ordered received and filed.

MS4 UPDATE AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: President Hoepf opened the floor for public comment on the topic of stormwater by reviewing the July 2022 MS4 report. After discussion, the report was ordered received and filed.

QUAKER VALLEY COG REPORT for the month of July 2022 was presented to Council. After discussion, this report was ordered received and filed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Correspondence was received from Sewickley Borough regarding sponsorship opportunities for the Annual Sewickley Borough Light Up Night. Mr. Schwend stated that the correspondence was sent to all neighboring municipalities. Mayor Smith expressed concern with dedicating public funds to the event, as not all residents may attend. Mr. Wilson agreed, and stated that Borough Council typically does not provide sponsorships. Mrs. Genter asked how much the event costs Sewickley Borough each year, while Mr. Hoepf asked what other municipalities are donating. After further discussion, Mr. Schwend stated that he would get more information regarding sponsorships for discussion at the September Council Meeting.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS CONCERNING NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

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| Mr. William Lang     | 617 Maple Lane           |
| Mr. Hugh St. Martin  | 609 Maple Lane           |
| Ms. Toni Lekandis    | 304 Challis Lane         |
| Mr. Andrew Southwood | 317 Nicholas Place       |
| Mr. Eric Dusch       | 321 Woodland Road        |
| Mrs. Teresa Dusch    | 321 Woodland Road        |
| Ms. Katrina Harmel   | Sheffler Engineering Co. |

Ms. Toni Lekandis came before Council to discuss parking concerns along Challis Lane and Chestnut Road. She explained that the intersection experiences significant congestion during school pick up hours due to parents parking on the street and sidewalk, as well as blocking driveways. She highlighted multiple concerns with pedestrian, child, and motorist safety. Ms. Lekandis stated that she spoke with Chief Burlett previously, and officers monitored the area however the situation has not improved. She recommended placing a No Parking in School Zone sign or No Idling sign at the intersection. Mr. Andrew Southwood also expressed concern with the matter, and stated that as a resident of Nicholas Place, he has experienced significant traffic congestion along Nicholas Place. Chief Burlett stated that he monitored the situation for several days, however all cars were parked legally in accordance with Borough ordinances. Mr. Schwend stated that no parking signs could be placed in the area, however they would apply to all residents and visitors, as well as move the congested parking to neighboring

intersections. Mr. Aloe suggested that police officers park a vehicle at the intersection to deter people from parking there. Mr. Marlovits asked if the school can notify parents about proper after-school pickup protocol, including a reminder not to park at Challis Lane and Chestnut Road. After further discussion, Chief Burlett stated that police officers will use traffic cones and increased monitoring to help alleviate the situation. Mr. Hoepf directed the Public Safety Committee to review with Chief Burlett and residents after one month. Council thanked Ms. Lekandis and Mr. Southwood for their concerns.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

BEAVER ROAD WALL UPDATE: Mr. Schwend stated that the emergency repair with gabion baskets along the Beaver Road wall has been completed, while sidewalk repairs and wedge curb installation will be completed in the coming weeks. The Borough Engineer is monitoring the wall for movement, and the Borough's Geotechnical Engineer will be providing a quote to perform numerous core borings in order to provide an evaluation for a permanent repair. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT WAIVER REQUEST – 321 WOODLAND ROAD, MRS. TERRI DUSCH: Ms. Katrina Harmel from Sheffler Engineering, representing the property owners, explained that the property owners are seeking a waiver from a provision of the Borough's stormwater management ordinance in order to install a level spreader system. Ms. Harmel stated that although the impervious surface coverage on the property is currently beyond what is allowed by the Borough's zoning ordinance, a new proposed patio results in an increase, and therefore a stormwater management plan is required. Ms. Harmel explained the technical specifications of the level spreader, and stated that it is designed for a one-hundred-year storm event. She also stated that the property currently lacks any form of stormwater management, therefore installing the level spreader will help to manage stormwater impacts on downhill neighboring properties. Mr. Schwend explained that the stormwater management ordinance allows for water to be discharged into an existing waterway, or by connection to existing storm sewer infrastructure, while level spreaders discharge water just below ground level. The property does not have a neighboring waterway, and right-of-way agreements and infrastructure would be required to connect to catch basins. The Borough Engineer has reviewed the waiver request and agreed with the applicants' method of engineering. Mayor Smith and Mr. Hoepf asked about the capacity of the system, and Ms. Harmel explained how the system will operate in various storm events. Mr. Aloe expressed concern with directing water toward downhill properties and to Beaver Road, as well as the system not being conducive to soil conditions on the property. Council asked whether additional details could be provided by the Borough Engineer, and Mr. Schwend contacted Mr. Shawn Wingrove from Lennon Smith Souleret via telephone. Mr. Wingrove explained that the level spreader system was reviewed under the scope of the proposed patio, which will create little runoff. Mr. Marlovits asked whether granting the waiver will create a precedent for any future similar requests. Mr. Lucas explained that any potential future requests would be considered on an individual basis. Ms. Harmel stated that the property owners have met with neighbors and discussed the system, and no concerns were expressed. Mr. Aloe asked whether written permission from downhill property owners was received as per ordinance. Mr. Schwend stated that written permission was not yet received. Mr. Aloe stated that he believed the system will create additional runoff and hazards for downhill property owners and Beaver Road. Ms. Harmel emphasized that the system will improve stormwater conditions in the area, as currently no mitigating efforts are in place on the property. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Wilson with a second from Mr. Hoepf to waive the provisions of Section 107-27(H) for a subsurface level spreader for the property located at 321 Woodland Road, with the condition that written permission is received from the downhill property owner. Mr. Hoepf, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Marlovits, and Mrs. Genter voted in favor of the motion, while Mr. Aloe opposed.

MANAGER'S UPDATE: Mr. Schwend highlighted numerous projects recently completed or in progress throughout the Borough: the panel box upgrade in the Borough Building has been completed; the sewer push camera will be ordered; the 2022 paving program will begin with concrete work in late August, and paving beginning in early September; the grant process is underway for Church Lane sewer lining and Beaver Road bridge rehabilitation projects; Borough Building camera system upgrades are underway, PennDOT and Sewickley Heights Borough are working together on a plan to address slide repairs on Way Hollow Road, and the final set of street sign posts will be installed throughout the coming months. After discussion, Council thanked Mr. Schwend for the update.

There being no further business, the meeting on motion duly made and seconded was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

John F. Schwend – Borough Manager